

17th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



Senator  
Don **Benton**



This guide to government provides information on how to contact federal, state and local government offices and services.

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# Government Guide



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Welcome to the 2005 Government Guide for the 17th Legislative District! This guide was created to help you, the citizens of the 17th District, feel more in touch with your federal, state and local government. This list of officials, addresses and telephone numbers will be helpful in determining the proper person or office to contact for specific needs or questions you may have.

This is by no means an all-inclusive list. Due to space limitations, I've selected some of the most important numbers. I encourage you to check in your local telephone book for other numbers you may need. If you are unable to find help, please contact my staff at my Olympia office.

Whether you have an urgent problem or are just seeking a little information, you have a right to expect kind, courteous assistance from any government office. If you do not, please call me.

I appreciate having the opportunity to represent you in the Washington State Legislature. I take great pride in the 17th District and am honored to help represent your views.

Sincerely,

Senator Don Benton



*Senator Benton speaks on the floor of the Washington State Senate.*

## Senator Don **Benton**

### **Olympia Office:**

109-B Irv Newhouse Bldg.  
PO Box 40417  
Olympia, WA 98504-0417  
(360)-786-7632

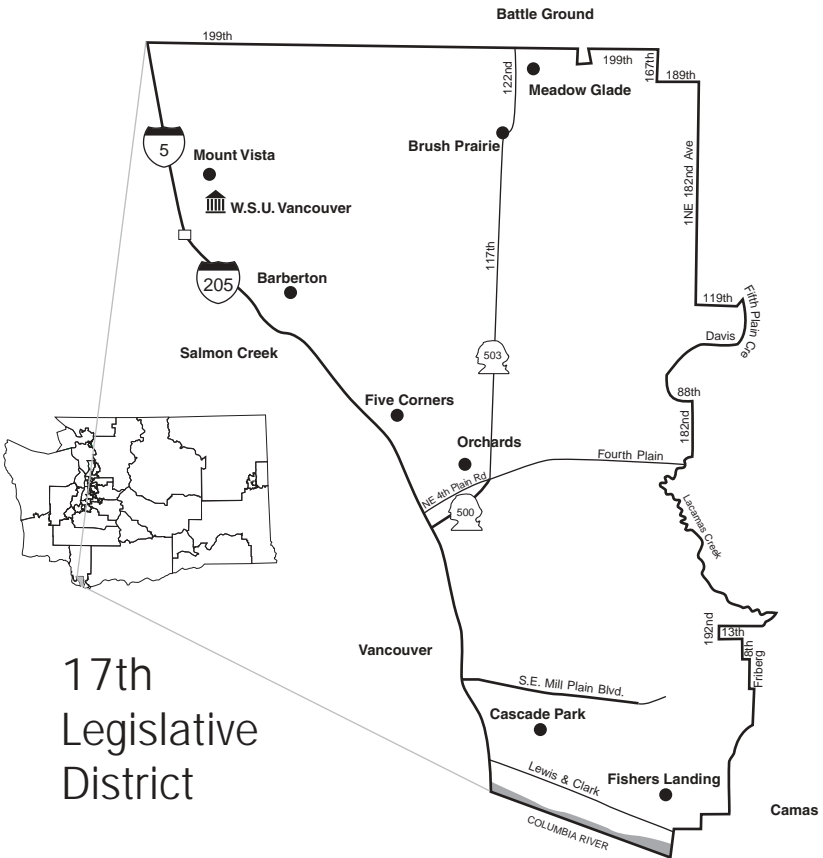
### **Toll-Free Legislative Hotline:**

You can leave a message for me on the Legislature's Toll-Free Hotline. Please call: 1-800-562-6000.

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### Ambulance • Fire • Police • Emergencies

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At any time of the day or night, you may contact needed emergency services simply by dialing **911** and giving the following information:

1. Nature of the emergency.
2. Exact location—street address, etc.
3. Number of the phone from which you are calling.
4. WAIT—Additional information may be needed.

Always make sure the operator hangs up first.

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### Voter Registration

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To register to vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A legal resident of Washington state
- At least 18 years old by election day

You may register to vote at any time, but you must be registered at least 30 days in advance of an election if you wish to vote at a polling place on election day. You may also register between 30 and 15 days before an election, but you must do so at a location designated by the county elections officer, and you will be required to vote by absentee ballot



How to register: Mail-in registration forms are available from your county auditor or county elections department as well as many public libraries, schools and other government offices. "Motor Voter" registration is offered when you renew or apply for your driver's license.

Absentee ballots: You may request an absentee ballot as early as 45 days before an election. (No absentee ballots are issued on election day except to hospitalized voters.) Absentee ballots may be requested either by phone or by mail from the county elections officer. You may also apply in writing to automatically receive an absentee ballot before each election.

NOTE: Absentee ballots must be signed and postmarked or delivered to the county election officer on or before election day.

#### **Voter information:**

County Records and Elections. . . . . (360) 397-2345  
Web: . . . . . <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/auditors.aspx>

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## United States Executive Branch

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### President of the United States

**George W. Bush (R)** . . . . . (202) 456-1414  
e-mail: . . . . . [president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:president@whitehouse.gov)  
Web: . . . . . <http://www.whitehouse.gov>  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

### Vice President of the United States

**Dick Cheney (R)** . . . . . (202) 456-1414  
e-mail: . . . . . [vice.president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:vice.president@whitehouse.gov)  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

**Presidential Greetings** . . . . . [www.whitehouse.gov/greeting](http://www.whitehouse.gov/greeting)  
The White House will send greetings from the President to anyone 80 or older, or to a couple celebrating a 50th (or higher) anniversary. Send a request at least one month in advance. The address is:

The White House  
Attn: Greetings Office  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C. 20502-0039

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## United States Supreme Court

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Washington, D.C. 20543 . . . . . (202) 479-3000

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist	Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Justice David Souter	Justice Sandra Day O'Connor
Justice John Paul Stevens	Justice Stephen Breyer
Justice Clarence Thomas	Justice Anthony Kennedy
Justice Antonin Scalia	

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## United States Congress

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Congressional Switchboard: . . . . . (202) 224-3121  
TTY: . . . . . (202) 225-1904  
Senate Web . . . . . [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)  
House Web . . . . . [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)

**Dennis Hastert (R)** . . . . . (202) 225-2976  
Speaker, U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

## United States Senators

**Maria Cantwell (D)** . . . . . (202) 224-3441  
Fax: . . . . . (202) 228-0514  
Web: . . . . . <http://cantwell.senate.gov>  
717 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Vancouver Office . . . . . (360) 696-7838  
Fax: . . . . . (360) 696-7844  
1313 Officers Row  
Vancouver, WA 98661

**Patty Murray (D)** . . . . . (202) 224-2621  
Fax: . . . . . (202) 224-0238  
e-mail: . . . . . [senator\\_murray@murray.senate.gov](mailto:senator_murray@murray.senate.gov)  
Web: . . . . . <http://murray.senate.gov>  
173 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Vancouver Office . . . . . (360) 696-7797  
Fax: . . . . . (360) 696-7798  
The Marshall House  
1323 Officer's Row  
Vancouver, WA 98661

## United States House of Representatives

United States Representative, 3rd Congressional District

**Brian Baird (D)** . . . . . (202) 225-3536  
Fax: . . . . . (202) 225-3478  
1421 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Vancouver Office: . . . . . (360) 695-6292  
Fax: . . . . . (360) 695-6197  
1220 Main St. #360  
Vancouver, WA 98660

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### Washington State Legislature

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#### Information on the Internet:

[www.leg.wa.gov](http://www.leg.wa.gov)

Senate Web: [www.leg.wa.gov/senate/](http://www.leg.wa.gov/senate/)

House Web: [www.leg.wa.gov/house/](http://www.leg.wa.gov/house/)

To contact relay operators for the deaf

or hearing impaired, please dial . . . . . 7-1-1

State Information: . . . . . 1-800-321-2808

Voter Information Hotline: . . . . . 1-800-448-4881

Washington State Home Page: . . [www.access.wa.gov](http://www.access.wa.gov)

#### Listen in on the Legislature

TVW provides unedited television coverage of state government deliberations and public policy events. Programming can be accessed on cable networks throughout Washington State. Listen and watch real-time audio and video of our television signal, archives or select webcast-only LIVE events for FREE with RealPlayer or Windows Media. Just visit TVW's web site at [www.tvw.org](http://www.tvw.org).

#### State Legislators

During the legislative session you may leave messages for your legislators or obtain information on the status of legislation by calling the

Toll-Free Hotline . . . . . 1-800-562-6000

TTY . . . . . 1-800-635-9993

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**Washington State Officials**

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**Governor** . . . . . (360) 902-4111  
FAX: . . . . . (360) 753-4110  
Web: . . . . . [www.governor.wa.gov](http://www.governor.wa.gov)  
200 Legislative Building  
PO Box 40002  
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

**Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen (D)** . . . . . (360) 786-7700  
e-mail: . . . . . [owen\\_br@leg.wa.gov](mailto:owen_br@leg.wa.gov)  
Web: . . . . . [www.ltgov.wa.gov](http://www.ltgov.wa.gov)  
220 Legislative Building  
PO Box 40400  
Olympia, WA 98504-0400

**Secretary of State Sam Reed (R)** . . . . . (360) 902-4151  
TTY: . . . . . 1-800-422-8683  
e-mail: . . . . . [mail@secstate.wa.gov](mailto:mail@secstate.wa.gov)  
Web: . . . . . [www.secstate.wa.gov](http://www.secstate.wa.gov)  
250 Legislative Building  
PO Box 40220  
Olympia, WA 98504-0220

**Treasurer Mike Murphy (D)** . . . . . (360) 902-9000  
TTY: . . . . . (360) 902-8963  
e-mail: . . . . . [michaelj@tre.wa.gov](mailto:michaelj@tre.wa.gov)  
Web: . . . . . [www.tre.wa.gov](http://www.tre.wa.gov)  
230 Legislative Building  
PO Box 40200  
Olympia, WA 98504-0200

**Auditor Brian Sonntag (D)** . . . . . (360) 902-0370  
e-mail: . . . . . [sonntagb@sao.wa.gov](mailto:sonntagb@sao.wa.gov)  
Web: . . . . . [www.sao.wa.gov](http://www.sao.wa.gov)  
Sunset Bldg.  
PO Box 40021  
Olympia, WA 98504-0021

**Attorney General Rob McKenna (R)** . . . . . (360) 753-6200  
TTY: . . . . . 1-800-276-9883  
Web: . . . . . [www.atg.wa.gov](http://www.atg.wa.gov)  
Highway/Licenses Bldg.  
PO Box 40100  
Olympia, WA 98504-0100



### Superintendent of Public Instruction

**Terry Bergeson** (NP) . . . . . (360) 725-6000  
TTY: . . . . . (360) 664-3631  
Web: . . . . . [www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us)  
Old Capitol Building  
PO Box 47200  
Olympia, WA 98504-7200

**Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler** (D) . . . . . (360) 725-7000  
e-mail: . . . . . [cad@oic.wa.gov](mailto:cad@oic.wa.gov)  
Web: . . . . . [www.insurance.wa.gov](http://www.insurance.wa.gov)  
5000 Capitol Boulevard  
PO Box 40255  
Olympia, WA 98504-0255

**Commissioner of Public Lands Doug Sutherland** (R) . . (360) 902-1004  
e-mail: . . . . . [cpl@wadnr.gov](mailto:cpl@wadnr.gov)  
Web: . . . . . [www.dnr.wa.gov](http://www.dnr.wa.gov)  
Natural Resources Building  
PO Box 47001  
Olympia, WA 98504-7001

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## Washington State Supreme Court

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All State Supreme Court Judges can be contacted at: . . . (360) 357-2077  
and at the following address:

Temple of Justice  
415 12th St. W  
PO Box 40929  
Olympia, WA 98504-0929

Terms Expire

Chief Justice Gerry L. Alexander . . . . .	January 2007
Associate Chief Justice Charles W. Johnson . . . . .	January 2009
Justice Bobbe J. Bridge. . . . .	January 2009
Justice Tom Chambers . . . . .	January 2007
Justice Mary Fairhurst . . . . .	January 2009
Justice James M. Johnson . . . . .	January 2011
Justice Barbara A. Madsen . . . . .	January 2011
Justice Susan J. Owens . . . . .	January 2007
Justice Richard B. Sanders . . . . .	January 2011

Clerk C.J. Merrit, Deputy Clerk Ronald R. Carpenter  
State Law Librarian Kay Newman,  
Administrator for the Courts Jannett McLane

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**17th Legislative District**

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- Senator Don Benton (R)** . . . . . (360) 786-7632  
e-mail: . . . . . benton.don@leg.wa.gov  
Web: . . . . . www.src.wa.gov/senators/benton.htm  
109-B Irv Newhouse Building  
PO Box 40417  
Olympia, WA 98504-0417  
  
Vancouver Office . . . . . (360) 576-6059  
1311 SE Grace Avenue, Suite 203  
Battle Ground, WA 98604
- Representative Jim Dunn (R)** . . . . . (360) 786-7994  
e-mail: . . . . . dunn.jim@leg.wa.gov  
322 John L. O'Brien Building  
PO Box 40600  
Olympia, WA 98504-0600
- Representative Deb Wallace (D)** . . . . . (360) 786-7976  
e-mail: . . . . . wallace.deb@leg.wa.gov  
340 John L. O'Brien Building  
PO Box 40600  
Olympia, WA 98504-0600

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**Government Offices in Southwest Washington**

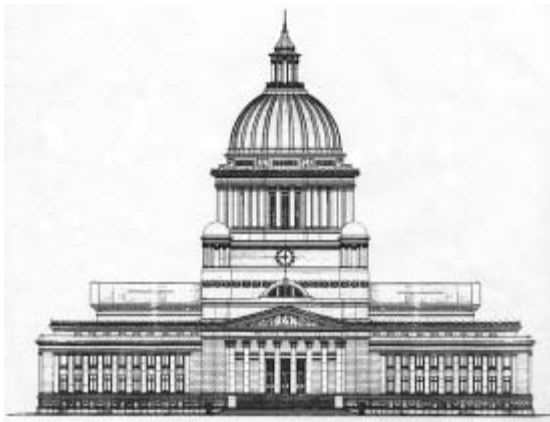
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- Regional Transportation Council** . . . . . (360) 397-6067  
Transportation planning, light rail, and High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)  
lane designations.  
1300 Franklin Street, Floor 4, Vancouver, WA 98660  
e-mail. . . . . info@rtc.wa.gov

- Attorney General's Vancouver Office . (360) 759-2100 or (360) 795-2150  
Work Source . . . . . (360) 735-4990  
Fish and Wildlife Department . . . . . (360) 696-6211  
Governor's Vancouver Office . . . . . (360) 896-2361  
Labor and Industries Department . . . . . (360) 896-2300  
Natural Resources Department (Castle Rock) . . . . . (360) 577-2025

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Revenue Department . . . . .	(360) 260-6176
School for the Blind . . . . .	(360) 696-6321
School for the Deaf . . . . .	(360) 696-6525
Services for the Blind . . . . .	(360) 696-6238
Child and Family Services . . . . .	(360) 993-7900
Child Protective Services . . . . .	(360) 993-7901
Day Care Licensing . . . . .	(360) 993-7945
Developmental Disabilities . . . . .	(360) 696-6350
Economic and Medical Field Service . . . . .	(360) 759-2800
Families in Conflict/Runaways . . . . .	(360) 993-7903
Support Enforcement . . . . .	(360) 636-6100
Vocational Rehabilitation . . . . .	(360) 619-7060
WA State Dept. of Licensing . . . . .	(360) 750-6950
Auto Licenses Main Office . . . . .	(360) 397-2288
Battle Ground Auto Licensing . . . . .	(360) 687-5115
Camas Auto Licensing Center . . . . .	(360) 835-2977
Department of Licensing . . . . .	(360) 260-6288
Washington State Patrol . . . . .	(360) 260-6333
Department of Transportation (WSDOT) . . . . .	(360) 705-7000



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## Clark County Officials

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All Clark County officials may be contacted at the following address:

**Clark County Court House** . . . . . (360) 397-2000

1200 Franklin Street  
PO Box 5000  
Vancouver, WA 98666-5000

e-mail: . . . . . district@co.clark.wa.us  
Web: . . . . . www.co.clark.wa.us/

### County Commissioners

County commissioners meet every Wednesday.

Commissioners main number: . . . . . (360) 397-2232

e-mail: . . . . . boardcom@co.clark.wa.us

District #1 - Betty Sue Morris, Chair (D) . . . . . (360) 397-2232

District #2 - Steve Stuart (D) . . . . . (360) 397-2232

District #3 - Mark Boldt (R) . . . . . (360) 397-2232

**Assessor Linda Franklin** (D) . . . . . (360) 397-2391

**Auditor Greg Kimsey** (R) . . . . . (360) 397-2078

**Clerk JoAnne McBride** (D) . . . . . (360) 397-2292

**Medical Examiner** (Coroner) **Dennis Wickham, M.D.** (N) (360) 397-8405

**Prosecuting Attorney Arthur Curtis** (D) . . . . . (360) 397-2261

**Sheriff Garry Lucas** (R) . . . . . (360) 397-2366

**Treasurer Doug Lasher** (D) . . . . . (360) 397-2255

### Superior Court Judges

Roger Bennett . . . . . (360) 397-2315

Robert Harris . . . . . (360) 397-2017

Barbara Johnson . . . . . (360) 397-2005

John Wulle . . . . . (360) 397-2248

John Nichols . . . . . (360) 397-2260

Ed Poyfair . . . . . (360) 397-2354

James Rulli . . . . . (360) 397-6133

Diane Woolard . . . . . (360) 397-2068

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Scott Collier . . . . .	(360) 397-2201
Carin Schienberg . . . . .	(360) 397-2201
Robert Lewis . . . . .	(360) 397-2226

### **District Court Judges**

Kenneth Eiesland . . . . .	(360) 397-2424
Rich Melnick . . . . .	(360) 397-2424
James P. Swanger . . . . .	(360) 397-2424
Scott Anders . . . . .	(360) 397-2424
Darvin Zimmerman . . . . .	(360) 397-2424
Vernon Schreiber . . . . .	(360) 397-2424

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## City of Battle Ground

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**Mayor John Idsinga** . . . . . (360) 342-5180

### **City Manager Eric Holmes**

All City of Battle Ground officials may be contacted at. . . (360) 342-5000  
and at the following address:

Battle Ground City Hall  
302 NE Main  
PO Box 37  
Battle Ground, WA 98604

Web: . . . . . [www.cityofbg.org](http://www.cityofbg.org)

City council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

### **City Council**

Sandra Barnes, Deputy Mayor . . . . .	(360) 342-5184
Mike Ciraulo . . . . .	(360) 342-5185
William Ganley. . . . .	(360) 342-5182
Lisa Walters . . . . .	(360) 342-5183
Alex Reinhold . . . . .	(360) 342-5186
Chris Regan . . . . .	(360) 687-0672

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**City of Camas**

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**Mayor Paul Dennis** . . . . . (360) 834-6864

All City of Camas officials may be contacted at. . . . . (360) 834-3451  
and at the following address:

Camas City Hall  
616 NE 4th Avenue  
PO Box 1055  
Camas, WA 98607

Web: . . . . . [www.ci.camass.wa.us](http://www.ci.camass.wa.us)

City council meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month  
at 7:00 p.m.

**City Council**

Scott Higgins. . . . . (360) 834-0848  
Helen Gerde . . . . . (360) 835-8476  
Mary Kufeldt-Antle . . . . . (360) 834-4818  
Greg Anderson. . . . . (360) 834-3426  
Liz Pike. . . . . (360) 281-8720  
Melissa Smith . . . . . (360) 834-6725  
Linda Dietzman . . . . . (360) 834-3987

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**City of Vancouver**

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**Mayor Royce E. Pollard**

All City of Vancouver elected officials may be contacted at (360) 696-8211  
and at the following address:

The City of Vancouver  
210 E. 13th St.  
PO Box 1995  
Vancouver, WA 98668-1995

Web: . . . . . [www.ci.vancouver.wa.us](http://www.ci.vancouver.wa.us)

City council meets on the first and third Monday of each month  
at 7:00 p.m.

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### City Council

Larry Smith . . . . .	(360) 896-8656
Jeanne Stewart . . . . .	(360) 695-5154
Jeanne Harris . . . . .	(360) 896-0422
Pat Jollota . . . . .	(360) 695-3262
Tim Leavitt . . . . .	(360) 213-0415
Dan Tonkovich . . . . .	(360) 694-3855

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### Neighborhood / Senior Services

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Alcohol & Drug Abuse . . . . .	1-800-478-0896
Al-Anon. . . . .	(360) 693-5781
Alcoholics Anonymous . . . . .	(360) 694-3870
Battered Women's Services (YWCA). . . . .	(360) 696-0167
Child Abuse Intervention Center . . . . .	(360) 397-6002
Community Drug & Alcohol Center. . . . .	(360) 696-1631
Nursing Home Complaints (24-hour) . . . . .	1-800-562-6078
Sexual Assault Program (YWCA) . . . . .	(360) 696-0167
24-hour hotline (Domestic Violence Hotline) . . . . .	1-800-562-6025
Veterans Services: Medical Center. . . . .	(360) 696-4061

### Child Care

Clark County Child Care Resource and Referral. . . . .	(360) 750-9735
Division of Child Care and Early Learning . . . . .	(360) 993-7946
Vancouver Kid's Club . . . . .	(360) 256-8122

### Energy Assistance

Clark County Department of Community Services (includes weatherization and home rehabilitation) . . . .	(360) 397-2130
Clark Public Utilities . . . . .	(360) 992-3000

### Health Care Education/Support

Alzheimers Disease Support System . . . . .	(360) 694-6300
American Cancer Society . . . . .	(360) 695-2278

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American Diabetes Association . . . . .	1-800-628-8808
American Red Cross. . . . .	(360) 693-5821
Arthritis Foundation. . . . .	1-800-542-0295

### **Consumer Health Information**

Southwest Washington Medical Services . . . . .	(360) 256-2000
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### **Housing**

United Way Information & Referral. . . . .	(360) 694-8899
Vancouver Housing Authority. . . . .	(360) 694-2501

### **Hospitals**

Southwest Washington Medical Center, Vancouver . . . . .	(360) 256-2000
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### **In-Home Services**

Human Services Council. . . . .	(360) 694-8144
Home Care, SW Washington Medical Center . . . . .	(360) 759-1500

### **Insurance Information**

Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors, RSVP . . . . .	(360) 750-7574
Washington State Insurance Commissioner . . . . .	1-800-562-6900

### **Legal Assistance**

Clark County Volunteer Lawyer Program . . . . .	(360) 695-5313
Columbia Legal Services. . . . .	(206) 464-5911

### **Nursing Home Information**

Long-Term Care Ombudsman . . . . .	1-800-562-6028
Human Services Council. . . . .	(360) 694-6577
Vancouver School District . . . . .	(360) 313-1000

### **Nutritional Assistance**

Breakfast & Hot Lunch (includes seniors). . . . .	(360) 313-1190
Meals on Wheels. . . . .	(360) 694-8144

### **Physicians Referral**

Physician Referral, Medical Coupons . . . . .	1-800-562-3022
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### **Property Tax Exemption Information**

Clark County Assessor . . . . .	(360) 397-2391
Senior Services . . . . .	1-800-422-3263
Parks & Recreation . . . . .	(360) 619-1111
Rudy Leupke Senior Center. . . . .	(360) 696-8202

### **Senior Employment/Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteer Center of Clark County. . . . .	(360) 694-6577
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### **Senior Centers**

Adult Day Health Center. . . . .	(360) 750-7025
Battle Ground Senior Citizens Center. . . . .	(360) 687-2378
Camas Senior Citizens Center. . . . .	(360) 834-5307
Southwest WA Agency on Aging . . . . .	(360) 694-6577
Long-term Care Ombudsmen . . . . .	(360) 694-6577
Camas Community Parks & Recreation Center . . . . .	(360) 834-5307

### **Social Services for People with Disabilities**

ARC of Clark County. . . . .	(360) 254-1562
Developmental Disabilities . . . . .	(360) 696-6350
Camas Senior Citizen's Center . . . . .	(360) 834-5307
Easter Seal Society. . . . .	1-800-678-5708
March of Dimes . . . . .	1-888-663-4637

### **Southwest Washington Center of Deaf & Hard of Hearing**

TTY. . . . .	(360) 695-9720
Voice . . . . .	(360) 695-3364
School for the Blind. . . . .	(360) 696-6321
Services for the Blind. . . . .	(360) 696-6238
School for the Deaf . . . . .	(360) 696-6525
Sunshine Physically Challenged Foundation . . . . .	(360) 693-8041
Telecommunications Relay. . . . .	TTY 1-800-833-6388
Vocational Rehabilitation . . . . .	(360) 619-7060

## Transportation

C-Tran . . . . .	(360) 695-0123
C-Van (Special Transportation) . . . . .	(360) 695-8918
Medicaid Transportation Screener . . . . .	(360) 694-9997 or 1-800-752-9422

## Victim/Witness

Victim/Witness Assistance. . . . .	(360) 397-2008
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## Police Departments

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Washington State Patrol . . . . .	(360) 260-6333
Clark County Sheriff . . . . .	(360) 397-2366
Vancouver Police Dept. . . . .	(360) 696-8292
Battle Ground Police Dept. . . . .	(360) 342-5100
Camas Police Dept. . . . .	(360) 834-4151

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## Toll Free Numbers

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Abuse Hotline (Report Suspected Abuse of Children) . . .	1-800-562-5624
Abuse Hotline (Report Suspected Abuse of Vulnerable Adults) . . . .	1-866-363-4276
Address Confidentiality Prog. (SEC). . . . .	1-800-822-1065
Adoption (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-562-5682
Aeronautics Division (DOT). . . . .	1-800-552-0666
Aging and Adult Services (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-422-3263
AIDS/HIV Information (DOH). . . . .	1-800-272-2437
Alcohol and Tobacco Complaints (LCB) . . . . .	1-888-838-3956
Attorney General (Consumer Protection) (AG) . . . . .	1-800-551-4636
Blind Hotline (DSB). . . . .	1-800-552-7103
Business Assistance Hotline (CTED) . . . . .	1-800-237-1233
Charitable Solicitation Information (SEC). . . . .	1-800-332-4483
Children or Families at Risk (OFCO) . . . . .	1-800-562-5624
Children's Support Enforcement (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-729-7580
Children's Services (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-562-5624

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Clark Public Utilities Energy Credit . . . . .	1-800-562-1736
Clark Public Utilities . . . . .	(360) 992-3000
Client Relations Hotline (L&I) . . . . .	1-800-547-8367
Crime Victim's Advocacy (C&T) . . . . .	1-800-822-1067
Community Options Program Entry System (COPES) . . . . .	1-800-752-9422
Consumer Check on Contractors (L&I) . . . . .	1-800-647-0982
Deaf, School for (WSD) . . . . .	1-800-613-4228
Department of Transportation Ombudsman (DOT) . . . . .	1-800-368-2559
Disability Insurance Benefits (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-562-6074
Domestic Violence Hotline (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-562-6025
Energy Ideas Clearinghouse (commercial, industrial) (WSU) . . . . .	1-800-872-3568
Emergency Medical and Trauma Prevention (DOH) . . . . .	1-800-458-5281
Emergency Services, 24-hours (EMD) . . . . .	1-800-258-5990
Emission Control (DOE) . . . . .	1-800-272-3780
Family & Children's Ombudsman (GOV) . . . . .	1-800-571-7321
Ferry Information (DOT) . . . . .	1-888-808-7977
Fire Reports (DNR) . . . . .	1-800-562-6010
Game Poaching (F&W) . . . . .	1-800-477-6224
Gypsy Moth Information Line (AGR) . . . . .	1-800-443-MOTH (6684)
Hazardous Substances (DOE) . . . . .	1-800-633-7585
Hazardous Waste Spills Hotline (EMD) . . . . .	1-800-258-5990
Health Consumer Assistance (DOH) . . . . .	1-800-525-0127
Health Facilities and Services Complaints (DOH) . . . . .	1-800-633-6828
Health Plan, Basic (HCA) . . . . .	1-800-826-2444
Hospital/Home Health Care Agency Complaints (DOH) . . . . .	1-800-633-6828
Human Rights Commission (HRC) . . . . .	1-800-233-3247
Independent Living Council (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-624-4105
Industrial Insurance Fraud (L&I) . . . . .	1-800-547-8367
Information, State (DIS) . . . . .	1-800-321-2808
Insurance Claims (INS) (Consumer Protection) . . . . .	1-800-562-6900
Legislative Hotline (LEG) . . . . .	1-800-562-6000
Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TTY) . . . . .	1-800-635-9993

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Long-Term Care Ombudsman (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-562-6028
Lottery Winning Numbers (LOT) . . . . .	1-800-545-7510
Low Interest Home Loans (HFC) . . . . .	1-800-767-4663
Marine Bio Toxins Hotline (Beach Closures - Shellfish Toxins) (DOH) . . . . .	1-800-562-5632
Medicaid Information (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-562-3022
Missing Children Clearinghouse (WSP) . . . . .	1-800-543-5678
Natural Resources, (DNR) . . . . .	1-800-527-3305
Nursing Home Complaints (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-562-6078
Nursing Home Information (GOV) . . . . .	1-800-562-6028
Park Information, state (P&R reservations only) . . . . .	1-888-226-7688
Pass Reports (DOT) . . . . .	1-800-695-7623
Provider Billing (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-562-6188
Puget Sound Air Pollution Control (DOE) . . . . .	1-800-552-3565
Puget Sound Water Quality (WQA) . . . . .	1-800-547-6863
Recycling Hotline (DOE) . . . . .	1-800-732-9253
Red Tide Hotline (DOH) . . . . .	1-800-562-5632
Retirement Planning (DRS) . . . . .	1-888-711-6676
Revenue (REV) . . . . .	1-800-647-7706
Social Security (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-772-1213
Third Party Liability (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-562-6188
Tourist Information Hotline (CTED) . . . . .	1-800-544-1800
Toxic Chemical and Oil Spills (EMD) . . . . .	1-800-258-5990
Unclaimed Property (REV) . . . . .	1-800-435-2429
Underground Storage Tanks (DOE) . . . . .	1-800-826-7716
Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC) . . . . .	1-800-562-6150
Veterans Affairs (DVA) . . . . .	1-800-562-2308
Voter Information (SEC) . . . . .	1-800-448-4881
Water Works Certification Prog. (DOH) . . . . .	1-800-525-2536
Welfare Fraud Hotline (DSHS) . . . . .	1-800-562-6906
WIC (Women/Infant/Child) (DOH) . . . . .	1-800-841-1410
Woodcutting, Slash Fire Permits (DNR) . . . . .	1-800-527-3305
Workers' Compensation Claims (L&I) . . . . .	1-800-547-8367

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### An Invitation to Olympia

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Washington's Capitol Building (Legislative Building) and its surrounding campus make Olympia one of the nation's most beautiful state capitals.

The Capitol Campus is a year-round tourist destination and the Legislative Building is its centerpiece. Originally completed in 1927, the Capitol was refurbished for the state's centennial in 1989.

Olympia visitors also can enjoy the Temple of Justice where the Supreme Court meets, the Governor's Mansion, the Old Capitol Building and several veterans' memorials situated on the 30-acre campus.

I hope everyone in the 17th District will take advantage of this enjoyable and educational destination located a short distance from our area.

**Capitol Tours:** Public tours are held daily from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. on the hour (registration not required). Larger groups or schools should call (360) 586-8687 to schedule a private tour, or call my office at (360) 786-7632 and we will arrange it for you.



Senator Don Benton

## **ONGOING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

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Throughout my tenure in the state Legislature, I have fought on behalf of the residents of Washington state and the 17th Legislative District on many important issues. I will continue that fight for these important issues this session. These issues include:

### **Economic Development**

Creation of jobs is a priority. My commitment to economic development involves a reduction in onerous and overlapping government regulations, a reduction in excessive expenses placed on business by government, and a long-term investment in education. Improving all three of these elements of economic development will be a priority of mine this session.

### **Education**

Protecting our students from a handful of predatory teachers was my biggest priority last session and continues to be my top priority this session. These efforts resulted in sweeping reforms that help to ensure that known predators will not teach in Washington.

My commitment to education includes my advocacy for better pay for teachers, especially math and science teachers, and merit pay, so that Washington can retain the best teachers in our public schools.

Believing that tax dollars have no place enabling children access to pornography, I continue to take a strong stand against state funding for libraries that have not taken steps to eradicate children's access to Internet pornography.

### **Transportation**

During my time in the Legislature, I have maintained a leadership role on transportation issues, understanding that transportation is an integral aspect of Washington's economic development.

I continue to advocate for new and innovative ways to spend every transportation dollar wisely. In an effort to do just that, I will continue to push for the state to open up high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes during non-peak hours, and to lease highway rest areas to private companies.

### **Consumer Protection**

Technology has made it easier for criminals to steal your identity and credit. Unfortunately, laws have not kept pace with those technologies. In response to ever-increasing accounts of identity theft and the fraudulent use of driver's licenses, credit cards and credit card scanning machines, I introduced and supported successful legislation to beef up the state's ability to protect consumers and prosecute criminals.



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## **Tax Justice**

On an issue overwhelmingly impacting residents of Southwest Washington, I will continue my battle against Oregon's unfair taxation on income of Washington residents who work in Oregon.

With a firm belief that government spending has spiraled out of control and the tax burden on Washington residents is far too excessive, I continue to push for state spending within its means by employing a strict priority list for essential government services.

As always, I will continue my advocacy for Washington's property owners this session. Specifically, I continue my aim to reform the unfair and burdensome property tax system in Washington.

I adamantly oppose the estate tax, or "death" tax, believing it is devastating to family legacies and economic development. Family businesses, especially small family farms, are unfairly and, I believe, unethically forced to liquidate assets, often essential to the business, in order to pay the steep tax.

## **Criminal Justice**

I am tough on crime. I have always worked to toughen drunk driving laws in Washington state and more recently worked to limit where released sex offenders are allowed to live in relation to their victims. I will continue those efforts, while continuing my work to increase penalties for violent offenders.

## **Health Care**

The cost of health care, especially prescription drugs, continues to be of great distress to many, reaching unaffordable levels. Seniors are hurt the most. That is why I support the state's efforts to help low-income seniors and disabled Washingtonians better afford their prescription drugs.

## **Veterans and Military Affairs**

My commitment to veterans and the families of military personnel is undying. As the son of a World War II veteran, I understand the issues and continue to protect and advocate for the needs of veterans and military families residing in Washington state.

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